

*Thursday, August 11, 2011
Michigan Tile & Carpet, Community Room
7-9:00 p.m.*

1. Call to Order / Time Convened: 7:05 p.m.

2. Attendance: All present signed in? Yes

Members: Cynde Foster, Phyllis Hopkins, Joel Fulton, Tim Conlogue, Gloria Russo, Ward 4 City Commissioner Elizabeth Fulton, Kirk Scott, Vice Mayor Christopher Simmons, Susanne Moreno-Thurman

Absent:

Excused: Trudy Hall and Tim Conlogue

City Officials: Susan Bedsole

Guests: Tim Scott (Facilities – BCPS), Trisha Borchardt

3. Addition or Deletions to the Agenda: None.

4. Approval of the Previous Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from April, May, and June 2011 by Cynde Foster, second by Vice Mayor Simmons, motion carried unanimously.

5. Correspondence and Announcements: Saturday, 8-13, 360 for change is having a party at Hamilton park in Post Addition from Noon to 3 pm and public is welcome; BCPS is having an ice cream social on Saturday, 8-13, from 10 am – 2pm in Piper Park and public is welcome; Fundraiser for Lt. Bing of Springfield Police Department in Begg Park on Saturday from 5 pm – 7 pm; “Crime Watch” is being resurrected through NIBC

6. Speakers: Rolland Preuss of KPEP called to follow up on any response from program in June. Members felt it was informational but overwhelming for involvement.

7. City Staff Reports:

a. Golden Service Reports: Susan Bedsole – NIBC still has funds available for grant dollars for storm damage.

b. Police Department: No Officer present.

Committee Reports:

a. Commissioner Reports: Vice Mayor Simmons – passed city budget unanimously because of good workshops and prior consensus before voting on budget. Established new and consistent tax abatement policy choosing to go with a tiered system based on the amount of investment. Downtown transformation is moving forward and looking really good. Struggling with spending an additional \$87,000 on exterior bridge lighting. Having a 3rd meeting this month on 8-23-2011 in regard to NSP#2 funding beginning at 6 pm.

b. Schools: None

c. Membership (new additions/deletions): Trisha Borchardt is attending with the intention of becoming a member. Kirk Scott submitted his written resignation due to multiple time obligations.

d. Beautiful Battle Creek Award: July – 251 Summer Street; August – 28 Richards Place

e. Businesses –

8. Old Business to be finalized:

9. New Business: Classic Cars on Capital Corridor on Friday 8/12/2011

10. New Business for Future Meetings:

11. Public /Guest Comments? None.

12. Members Comments? Phyllis commented that businesses need to pay attention to the cleanliness and appearance of their property. Businesses can be reported for having neglected trash in their lot the same as an individual property owner.

13. Adjournment (Time 8:20 pm) BY: Susanne Moreno-Thurman, 2nd by Kirk Scott. Next Meeting: September 8, 2011, Michigan Tile & Carpet, Community Room, 99 East Columbia Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49015